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VIMALBAI

GRADUATES OF THE PAST

One of the most treasured rewards of missionary service is the development of leadership among those led to Christ. If the missionary could turn the work over to zealous, capable, spiritual Christians, he could leave the field with 'well done' written over his farewell. In view of the immediate need for leadership in the church of India, this can well be a stock-taking time for all Missions.

The cover picture shows some of this year's class graduating from our school, each receiving a copy of the New Testament. At the graduation exercises, graduates of ten, twenty and thirty years ago spoke of past training received and of how life has offered opportunities to make every use of that training. As we thought of our past graduates who have made good, we had faith to believe that Mukti graduates will some day be able to carry onward when perhaps the missionary must leave.

There are graduates in many parts of India, but we present three here who are serving the Lord faithfully in

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BHIMABAI

SONUBAI



Mukti as real leaders. Vimalbai is now Headmistress of our school and is taking more and more responsibility as her experience increases.

Indian graciousness is personified in Bhimabai, who was brought to us as a tiny girl and is now educated, consecrated, used daily, for Bhimabai is on the missionary staff. There is the sweep of womanly grace in her walk, the heritage of Brahmanhood in her carriage, the joy of a child in her smile, the depth of India's sorrows in her eyes, the peace of the hills on her brow. She moves quietly among us as a tower of strength, a pillow of comfort, a fountain of knowledge on all that is India, a paean of joy. She is the essence of all that is Christian. She is India's redeemed womanhood.

Sonubai was retired from the school with honours this year, not because of age, but because her service as a leader in Mukti is so valuable. All her time is needed in supervising the food supplies and Indian housekeeping for our big family of seven hundred. Spiritual, trustworthy, honest, dependable, faithful, capable—this is our Sonubai.—C.T.

A STUDENT PRAYER

My Father is an architect in stone :

His granite pinnacles projecting high
Into a far place, secret and alone,

Stand sentinel against the quiet sky.

Their beauty is a deep and still delight,

Their solid strength a challenge to the soul—

Calling my spirit to some lonely height,

Lifting my life toward some splendid goal.

Beholding these, I am remembering

Another Stone, rejected once of men :

When earth's foundations totter, let me cling

To Jesus Christ, the Rock of Ages ; when

I build my young life, tall and straight and slim,

Oh, let it be a structure built on *Him*.

—H. F. B.



SEMINARY

GRADUATES OF THE YEAR

By LILLIAN DOERKSEN

Weeks of study, strain and training to reach the peaks of learning and preparation for service quickly rolled into months, months rolled into years, and suddenly the summit of graduation appeared.

In our school a class of nineteen students was farewelled at a short, impressive graduation exercise, and they go on to ascend other peaks of learning and training that challenge their youthful spirits. Each was presented

with the gift of a New Testament to be their guide and to light the way to a life of joy and usefulness for the Master.

In a class of consecrated young Indian women in Bible School, Tara stood first in her graduation class, and now she has come back to Mukti to fulfil a special spiritual ministry.

Blind Sumati also reached graduation from Bible School, and a fruitful and rich ministry of the Word stands before her.

Elizabeth's graduation from nurses' training means the beginning of a ministry of mercy and love, while Madhukanta and Mary will climb to higher paths of service in school now that teacher-training days are over for them.

Sharp, snow-peaked ranges of higher service challenge Kamal. A beautiful seminary graduation service, in which she and one other were the first women graduates, meant not only attainment, but the taking up of greater responsibility, accepting greater challenges in the service here at Mukti of the One who has been crowned King of her life.



GRADUATE NURSE

GRADUATES OF THE FUTURE

Like little stars shedding their lights in their appointed spheres and giving promise of light for many years to come, are our girls in training looking forward to graduation from schools of more advanced education.

Six girls now in high school look forward to service in the fields of medicine and education. Four in Bible schools give promise of future, Godly matrons and Bible-women, while the nursing profession

also has four of our girls training to care for the sick.

Most of our present teaching staff in our school is made up of girls who came to us as unwanted scraps of humanity and are now fully trained teachers. Two girls now in teacher training will supplement those nearing retiral age.

College studies fill all of Rohceni's time, as her heart looks forward to service on the missionary staff of Mukti. Far more than education is required for such an appointment, and as our girls complete their formal education, we pray that their hearts will be prepared by the Lord Himself for a rich, deep, fruitful ministry to others in the years to come.

Will you pray that each one will glorify the Lord in whose Name she has been received, brought up and trained? Only if such is the case, will the work be gold, silver and precious stones.—C.T.



NURSING



COLLEGE

FOR EVERYONE THAT THIRSTETH

'Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea come, buy wine and milk without money and without price' (Isa. 55: 1).

It is with praise and thanksgiving that we report that work has begun on a new well in Mukti. On April 14 a group of missionaries and workmen gathered at a chosen spot for praise and to ask God's blessing on this work. As Pastor Chowdhari led in prayer, the urgent need for water in Mukti was brought before the Lord and His guidance and protection were sought for the workers.

Because of light rainfall and because of the heavy demand for water, the level has gradually gone down in many of our wells in recent years. We give glory to our heavenly Father that enough funds have been provided to start the digging of this new well, and we go forward in faith that He will provide that needed to finish it.

Groups of women and girls daily leave their work to come to the field to help remove dirt from the well. Just as spokes reach out from the hub of a wheel, so straight rows of girls extend out from the well, while an endless movement of vessels filled with soil pass from one person to another.

It is forty-four years since one of the last of our wells was dug under Pandita Ramabai's direction. At that time, on April 7, 1910, Ramabai met for prayer with some workmen, at which time work was begun on Jehovah-shammah well. Isaiah 55 was read. Christian workers who were to dig the well memorized this chapter, and it is said that they often thought about the words as they dug the well.

Other names given to Mukti wells are as follows: Love, Joy, Peace, Fortitude, Goodness, Faith, Mercy, Springing Up, Reviving, Hope, and Jacob's.

Will you pray that this new well may become a source of blessing to many? And, as Ramabai requested forty-four years ago, 'pray for these men, that as they dig this well they may learn to draw water out of the wells of salvation.'

—HOWARD McMILLEN

WHEN CHRIST GIVES LIFE A NEW

The joy of remembering the resurrection of our Lord was multiplied at Easter time by witnessing a baptismal service in Mukti of unusual significance. Among five young women from our Rescue Home who witnessed by baptism to their new life in Christ, was one who wore an ornament through the side of her nose, indicative of her Mohammedan background. Part of the baptismal service included the cutting of that ring from her nose, making us realize anew how Christ sets one free from the bonds of sin.

Two young men stood in silhouette outline in our field, their faces expressing the joy in their hearts. They had just been baptized in the waters of the well named 'Hope,' and the group that gathered around them had hope to believe they may be faithful members and leaders of the Christian community in the years to come. Mukti's ministry has always been mainly to girls, and the baptism of these two fine young men was a special joy.

Among our young teen-agers, there was one who had to be carried to the place of baptism. She came to us as a crippled, starved, sore-covered beggar. The missionary who brought her said, 'She only has about six months to live. Can you take her and give her six months of happiness?' But good care has given Shanti new life. Doctors say she is crippled from infantile-paralysis, and although operations have been performed on those deformed legs, there is little hope of Shanti's ever being able to walk in this life.

A Sunday school of coloured boys and girls in Philadelphia saved their pennies each Sunday and bought her a 'walker,' in the hope that it would help her walk. Shanti's legs were not strong enough to propel it, but friends have pushed her back and forth to school in it. She has outgrown that little walker now, and as we see her crawling on the ground, we long that she might have a wheel-chair that she can propel with her hands. The desire of her heart is to teach people who cannot read or write, in order that they might be able to read the Bible. Shanti has had to be disappointed time and time again as hope was held out by different ones that some day she might walk. As we saw the joy on her face at baptism, we prayed she might be able to tell others of the Saviour who has given a crippled girl happiness. We wondered then if someone somewhere in the world would care enough about Shanti's desire to serve the Lord to provide for her the necessary wheel-chair, and we prayed for her that prayer.—C.T.

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